

REMARKS

Favorable and prompt allowance of the pending claims in the application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

1. In the specification

The specification is amended as presented in the AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION.

First, the specification at page 8, lines 15-17, is amended by the removal of "w" in reference to Fig. 2. As originally stated, the specification indicates that the wound dressing is intended to placed against a wound bed. Other drawing figures, such as Figs. 5-9 exemplify the wound dressing placed over a wound bed. There is no need to identify a wound bed in Fig. 2 since the wound dressing is readily understood in connection with other drawings showing a wound bed w.

Further, the specification is amended on page 12 to provide a brief description on Fig. 12. Support for this description is found in originally-filed Fig. 12, and the specification on page 6, lines 4-10. No new matter is considered to be entered into the application by way of this amendment.

Next, the specification is amended to correctly denote the projection elements with reference numeral "57" instead of "56."

In certain instances, reference numeral "43" now reads "47."

Lastly, reference to "the needles," has been replaced with the consistent usage of the term "the projection elements."

Entry of the amendment to the specification is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

2. In the claims

In the AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS, rejected claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 11 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The applicant hereby reserves the right to

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submit claims directed to the subject matter of these rejected claims in a continuation application.

Only allowed claims 12-20, 22 and 23 remain in the pending application.

Entry of the amendment to the claims is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

3. Conclusion

As a result of the amendment to the claims, and further in view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that every pending claim in the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicants' attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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